

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Zdravko PALUNCIC : **Mail Stop: PCT**  
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CONNECTING DEVICE FOR A PIPE OR SIMILAR  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, kindly  
amend the application as follows:**